

EACP Committee

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Subject: EACP 10/20/20 Testimony - Faith Chase
Attachments: EACP Testimony 10.20.20 Faith Chase.pdf; MT#8400.pdf

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October 20, 2020

Maui County Council Environmental, Agriculture and Cultural Preservation Committee
Chair Council member Shane Sinenci

RE: EACP-45, EACP-17(9), EACP-37

Aloha EACP Chair Sinenci & Committee Members,

I would like to comment on **EACP-45 relating to the Effects of the Coronavirus Pandemic** as it relates to the Department Of Transportation's efforts to reopen for tourism. I would strongly encourage that the Maui County Visitor Management Awardee be included in any planning conversations moving forward. The language in the grant, as it relates to the visitor education along the Hana Highway, focuses on many collected community concerns that have not been returned to. I am in dismay to learn those county monies that have been allocated to a slow to show secondary applicant somehow thwarted the original Grantee applicant. Be it known that the well thought planning and methodology outlined in the Visitor management grant application included over a year of volunteer data collection and was ahead of the COVID curve in terms of preparedness. Please put this grantee in touch with the DOT officials to ensure the proper approach for East Maui.

I quickly want to mention that I am **pleased to see EACP-17(9) Water for Agriculture on the agenda** as seeing as the Board of Water Supply, Maui County Council, DHHL and DLNR seem to be at a loss at accepting the recent Commission on Water Resources Management 20 years Water Use Development Plan. I have just learned that a contested case hearing on Moloka'i was also filed in steps to protect the riparian rights to serve 175 DHHL waitlisters on an ag homestead project. I am pleased to see Hokuao Pellegrino and I look forward to seeing other relative regional presentations from other regional Konohiki, water stakeholders and stewards.

I am writing to **express support for EACP-37 the Protection of Historic Properties**. Thank you for this cultural overlay proposal.

I must interject here that the mana wahine that recently put themselves forward to protect the iwi kupuna (bones of ancestors) in Kaua'ula have undoubtedly touched the hearts and minds of hundreds if not thousands of Hawai'i residents and we hold you in deepest reverence.

I echo the previous testifier Jordan Hocker, in that I am also, for the first time extremely proud of this council and the diligence you have all taken to take action on items your citizens bring forward to you. And further agree with Ms. Hocker that the chance to listen to the heirs, IS now.

In closing, I strongly suggest that perhaps since Councilmember Tamara Paltin was the author of that massive piece of clarifying correspondence (MT#8400 attached) to the Maui Mayor and the Chief of Police Tivoli Faaumu in regards to title disputes in racially sensitive disputes, maybe she might introduce an agenda item for the Governance, Ethics and Transparency Committee to address these items which ultimately concerns Kingdom Bureau of Conveyance issues of literally, grave concerns. There is a body of work to do done here and it is a pre-requisite to the transitioning of government conversations. I insist this because I have inquired to Maui Police Department about this correspondence and asked about the de-escalation tactics and escalation merit training that may be in place now that this correspondence is public and I have failed to receive a response.

I have all the faith in this council and those who may take lead after this approaching election. This council has proved to be extremely forward-thinking and you have set yourself apart from others.

Thank you for your time today.

Sincerely,

Faith Chase

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July 14, 2020

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APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL

Michael P Victorino 7/17/20

Mayor Date

For transmittal to:

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Dear Councilmember Paltin:

**SUBJECT: COUNTY OF MAUI'S ROLE IN LAND DISPUTES AND
OTHER RACIALLY SENSITIVE CONFLICTS**

In response to your letter of July 6, 2020, the Maui Police Department is aware of disputes over Kuleana lands and the sensitive history behind them.

Our policy is to respond to every call for service for the preservation of public peace, prevention of crime, and protection of life and property. All of our officers are required to successfully complete Cultural Awareness training upon entering the department.

While we empathize with those facing quiet title disputes, these disputes are civil in nature. When called upon for assistance, officers will respond to investigate the situation to include determining the rightful owner of the property; however, if the landowner is not able to be determined while officers are on scene, Maui Police Department does not have the legal authority to order any individual to vacate the premises.

Should the situation escalate into a criminal offense, officers will proceed with enforcement in accordance to the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Maui County Ordinance.

Honorable Tamara Paltin
July 15, 2020
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If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Captain Scott Migita of our Quality Assurance Section at (808) 244-6446 or scott.migita@mpd.net.

Sincerely,


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